

March 17, 1993

Minutes of the annual meeting of the state engineer and members of the Spanish Fork river distribution system held in the Strawberry Water Users Office at 11.00 p.m. .

The minutes of the previous years meeting were read. One change needed to be made. The minutes read that the Strawberry Water Users had requested 50,000 acre feet of water from the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. This needed to be changed to 30,000 acre feet of water. It was then moved by Reed Christmas and seconded by J. Merrill Hallam that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

The financial report was then reviewed. There was a question about the \$1,000 contractual services expense. Ray Whiting moved and Kevin Creer seconded the motion to accept the report. Motion passed.

Commissioner John Mendenhall then reported. He said that as of the last day of the year there was 125% of normal snowpack in Strawberry valley, 150% in Spanish Fork canyon, and 147% in Payson canyon. He indicated river was running 85 to 90 cubic feet per second today and that last year the river never exceeded 65 cubic feet per second during the entire year. He reported that the CUWCD was currently delivering 120 cfs through the river to Utah lake from Strawberry. The CUWCD planned to increase flows to 300 cfs on April 1 for a period of time. John said that last year the system used 18,000 acre feet of CUP water (6,000 acre feet more than was originally available). John asked Richard Heap about the city's springs in the canyon. It was indicated that cold spring was developing 5 to 5.5 cfs, and Malcolm spring 10 cfs. He also said that the Crab creek upper water system was finished and was developing 2 to 2.5 cfs. Richard said the lower spring system was not yet finished. A motion was made by J Merrill Hallam and seconded by Claude Rowley to accept the report. motion passed.

The budget was then discussed. It was decided by the group to increase the commissioner's salary by \$1,400, placing his salary at \$24,000. The deputy's salary was to be increased by \$700 and his travel expenses were to be increased by \$700. An additional \$250 was to be added to the budget to purchase a photo copier for the commissioner's office. The budget totaled \$45,777. A motion was made by J Merrill Hallam to set the assessment at \$48,000. The motion was seconded by Claude Rowley and was passed.

A motion was made by Claude Rowley and seconded by J Merrill Hallam to recommend John Mendenhall and Ron Davis for river commissioner and deputy commissioner. Motion passed.

The mailing list was then reviewed. Gary Brown, Ray Whiting, Claude Rowley, and Richard Roach were the representatives for the Strawberry Water Users. J Merrill Hallam was to replace Stan Hutchings, and Kevin Creer was to replace Don Ludlow for the river companies.

adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

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